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SUMMARY: PLANS FOR FOUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING AND OTHER ABCC DEVELOPMENTS ARE OUTLINED. ACTION REQUESTED. RESPONSE TO ITEMS SPECIFIED IN PARA 10. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFFS HAVE MET WITH MHW AND FONOFF OFFICIALS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE FOR MEETING OF RERF FOUNDING COMMITTEE ON FEB 6.

FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF SCENARIO FOR MEETING:

A. TIME AND PLACE: FEBRUARY 6, 1:30 P.M. AKASAKA TOKYO HOTEL, TOKYO

B. DURATION OF MEETING: TWO HOURS

C. PROCEEDINGS

(1) INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

(2) ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMEN (ONE US, ONE JAPANESE):

JAPANESE CO-CHAIRMAN WILL BE ONE OF THE SENIOR SCIENTISTS

ON JAPANESE SIDE: I.E., TAKEMI, KAYA, OR OCHI. EMBASSY

WILL APPRECIATE IDENTIFICATION OF US CO-CHAIRMAN,

PRESUMABLY ALSO ONE OF SENIOR SCIENTISTS ON US SIDE, SUCH

AS DR. DARLING.

(3) BRIEF BACKGROUND REPORT TO MEMBERS: INTENT IS FOR

REPORT TO BE PRESENTED BY ONE US AND ONE JAPANESE WHO ARE

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NOT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AND WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH

BACKGROUND. IMAIZUMI WILL MAKE PRESENTATION FOR GOJ, GOJ SUGGESTED KRATZER MAKE PRESENTATION FOR US. CONFIRM IF SATISFACTORY.

(4) APPROVAL BY COMMITTEE OF PROSPECTUS, (TO BE PREPARED FOR US REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY MHW), ACT OF ENDOWMENT, LIST OF INITIAL ASSETS, INITIAL PROGRAM, BUDGET, AND INITIAL OFFICERS.

(5) DESIGNATION BY CHAIRMAN OF ONE US AND ONE JAPANESE MEMBER OF FC AS SIGNATORIES OF COMMITTEE REPORT. SINCE REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED SEVERAL DAYS AFTER MEETING, US SIGNATORY SHOULD BE A TOKYO MEMBER. EMBASSY SUGGESTS HENOCH. PLANS NOT FINAL, BUT EMBASSY AND GOJ WILL PROBABLY HOLD RECEPTIONS ON EVENING OF FEBRUARY 5 AND 6.

2. A US MEMBER OF COMMITTEE WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE OFFER IN WRITING OF INITIAL DONATIONS; I.E., ABCC BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT. MHW WILL PROVIDE SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR THIS DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE CABLE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. INITIAL PROGRAM, AND BUDGET REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 C (4) ABOVE ARE THOSE CALLED FOR BY PARA 4 OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS OF ACT OF ENDOWMENT. THESE WILL BE PREPARED BY GOJ FOR US REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO MEETING. TEXT WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN AVAILABLE.

4. LIST OF INITIAL ASSETS REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 C (4) ABOVE IS THAT REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 5, PARA (1) OF ACT OF ENDOWMENT. ABCC PREPARING DRAFT, WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED WASHINGTON FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO MEETING. APPROACH WILL BE TO LIST INITIAL ASSETS IN GENERAL TERMS.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOLDING OF MEETING WILL BE MADE BY MHW ABOUT FEBRUARY 3. NO GENERAL INVITATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED, BUT MEETING WILL NOT BE CLOSED TO THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND. SOME PRESS, ESPECIALLY LOCAL PRESS FROM HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, ARE LIKELY TO ATTEND, AND A FEW REPRESENTATIVE UNION OFFICIALS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

6. SLATES OF INITIAL OFFICERS TO BE PROVIDED COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL MUST BE AGREED UPON BY USG AND GOJ IN ADVANCE. MHW YESTERDAY PROVIDED BIODATA, WHICH BEING POUCHED TO LIVERMAN, ERDA, UNCLASSIFIED

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ON CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS LISTED IN REFTEL, EXCEPT ON "FORMERDIPLOMAT," WHOSE NAME NOT YET REVEALED. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS INFORMALLY YANAGISAWA REQUESTED THAT HE NOT BE PROPOSED AS A DIRECTOR. IN ADDITION, MATSUYAMA, MENTIONED IN REFTEL AS JAPANESE PERMANENT DIRECTOR, WILL NOT BE PROPOSED. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED BIODATA ON GOJ CANDIDATES AND SEES NO BASIS FOR OBJECTION TO ANY. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THESE CANDIDATES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

7. EMBOFFS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH GOJ REPS POSSIBILITY OF A US GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL BECOMING A MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS. GOJ REPS CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL PROHIBITION AGAINST A US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE SERVING AS A NON-PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD, AND THAT THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO DESIGNATE SUCH A MEMBER WAS ENTIRELY UP TO US. GOJ REPS DID POINT OUT THAT, ON JAPANESE SIDE, JAPANESE LAW RELATING TO DUTIES OF GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE OF POLICY-MAKING OFFICIALS COULD PRESENT A LEGAL PROBLEM, AND SUCH APPOINTMENT IS CONTEMPLATED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RESTRICTION DOES NOT APPLY TO OFFICIALS SERVING INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND MDR. MISONO, HEAD OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCE, WILL PROBABLY BE PROPOSED AS JAPANESE NON-PERMANENT DIRECTOR. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS PRINCIPLE OF NAMING ONE USG MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND AS INDICATED ABOVE, BELIEVES THIS WILL PRESENT NO LEGAL OR POLICY PROBLEM TO GOJ. HOWEVER, IF US CONTEMPLATES NAMING MORE THAN ONE USG OFFICIAL AS DIRECTOR, WHILE LEGAL PROBLEM WOULD BE NO DIFFERENT, WE BELIEVE FURTHER CONSULTATION SHOULD BE HELD WITH GOJ TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WOULD REGARD THIS AS AFFECTING UNDULY THE BASICALLY PRIVATE NATURE OF NEW FOUNDATION.

8. EMBOFFS ALSO NOTED, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL, POSSIBILITY THAT THE US NOMINEE FOR PERMANENT DIRECTOR AND CHIEF RESEARCHER WOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE FULL THREE YEAR TERM. GOJ REPS AGREED THIS PRESENTED NO PROBLEMS LEGALLY OR OTHERWISE. THEY ALSO RECONFIRMED UNDERSTANDING THAT DURING PERIODS WHEN JAPANESE SERVE AS CHAIRMAN, THE CHIEF RESEARCHER WOULD BE AMERICAN. THEY ALSO RECALLED THAT THE HEAD OF SECRETARIAT AT SUCH TIMES WOULD BE JAPANESE.

9. SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, GOJ REQUESTED US AGREEMENT TO MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 30 OF ACT OF ENDOWMENT WHICH WOULD ALLOW APPOINTMENT OF TEN SCIENTIFIC COUNCILLORS; I.E., FIVE EACH FROM US AND JAPAN.
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PLEASE ADVISE IF ACCEPTABLE.

10. ACTION REQUESTED:

- A. CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING, INCLUDING PRESENTATION OF US BACKGROUND REPORT BY KRATZER AND DESIGNATION OF HENOCH AS US SIGNATORY OF RECORD OF MEETING.
- B. ADVISE US CHOICE OF CO-CHAIRMAN OF FOUNDING COMMITTEE.
- C. CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF JAPANESE CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- D. INFORM EMBASSY OF FINAL DECISION ON US CANDIDATES FOR BOARD.
- E. INFORM EMBASSY OF ACCEPTABILITY OF GOJ PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MEMBERS OF SCIENTIFIC COUNCILLORS.
- F. INFORM EMBASSY OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES FOR ATTENDEES AT FOUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING, AND ANY WISHES FOR TRAVEL TO

HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI, OR ELSEWHERE.
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